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Dear Mr. Bachrach:

This note is in response to your request for more material on Rabbi Lamm which you may want to use to stimulate interest in his visit.

I enclose a few excerpts of reviews of two of his books. I hope this will serve the purpose.

I trust that we shall shortly receive from you the name, address, and phone number of Rabbi Lamm's motel in Melbourne, as well as a fuller itinerary as soon as it becomes available.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Chanie Weisberger  
Secretary



A HEDGE OF ROSES: Jewish Insights Into Marriage and Married Life  
Philipp Feldheim, Inc.

Reviewed by Jerome M. Herzog

Blessed with felicity of language, Rabbi Lamm, in this concise volume, discusses family purity in a manner and style particularly suitable to the modern Jew. Employing the modern idiom, he forthrightly and uncondescendingly addresses the Jew of our age who is as much a product of his secular environs as he is of his Jewish background. Where few have ventured to tread previously Rabbi Lamm has admirably succeeded ...

"A Hedge of Roses" is an important contribution to a generation that is in dire need of an intelligent appraisal of the tenets and practices of our faith. It is hoped that this tract is made available to every couple entering into marriage as well as those who already are married.

As a practitioner of the written word, Rabbi Lamm is a skillful artisan. He has presented us with a lucid, rational, and masterful exposition of the purpose of the laws of family purity. For this, therefore, I have no reservation in extending a bouquet of roses to the author of A HEDGE OF ROSES.

FAITH AND DOUBT: Studies in Traditional Jewish Thought  
Ktav Publishing House, 1971.

Reviewed by Michael Wyschogrod

Norman Lamm, Professor of Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University, Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York and founder and first editor of TRADITION, is an uncommonly hard working individual.

Norman Lamm reads widely, keeps in touch with developments on many fronts and he marshalls his forces in the service of his cause.

There is, furthermore, an admirable clarity of thought. Rarely, if every, is one in doubt as to the meaning of a passage, a page or a whole article. Again and again, the problem is set out, the alternatives considered, the authorities expounded, after which the author proceeds to explain why he finds one of the options the most viable.



He is one of the few Orthodox scholars who is willing to address himself to important issues which agitate Jews who think. Like the earth, he is something of an oasis in a rather mindless desert.

Review by N. Preston -POINTER - Quarterly Journal of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues - London

Nobody could come away from this book without being completely satisfied with the immense logic and the superb eloquence used by the author, to place the anthropocentric question into a sane and acceptable perspective.